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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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BRITISHERS ABROAD.

NEED OF SCHOOLS IN CHINA.

LONDON, May 1.
A report has been issued by the committee appointed by the foreign Office to consider the means whereby to foster a greater spirit of solidarity among British communities in foreign countries and to make British ideals more generally known and appreciated by foreign nations. The report incidentally mentions that in consequence of protests by Britishers that their "children" born abroad are deprived of British nationality under the act passed in 1914, the Home Office is considering modifications for discussion at the next Imperial Conference, whose concurrence to the changes is necessary. The report favours voluntary, as against compulsory registration of Britishers abroad and favours subsidies for the establishment and maintenance of British schools, to which furthermore, foreign pupils might be attracted.

Investigations as regards schools are warranted immediately in China and Egypt. It is suggested that the Education Department of India should carry out enquiries in the Far East. The report favours the establishment of British Chambers of Commerce and patriotic societies with public spirited objects, and such institutions as the "Alliance Francaise." It does not recommend subsidising British newspapers, although the latter, well managed, may do much good. All possible encouragement and support should be given to the British film industry, also the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements.

FRENCH LABOUR UNREST.

LONDON, May 2.
May Day in Paris ended without serious incident. There were about fifty arrests, 35 people being detained. There is complete calm in the provinces. Reports with regards to the railway strike in France are somewhat contradictory. The early news indicated a complete fiasco. Subsequently it was stated that only 13,000 out of 45,000 railwaymen were on duty. The executive of the General Confederation of Labour has summoned a seamen, dockers and miners strike for May 3 in support of the railwaymen.

PARIS, May 3.
The latest Paris police casualties on May 1 were 131, of whom 38 are serious. The railwaymen have hitherto shown little willingness to comply with the orders of the extremists. On Sunday the services were practically normal. The Government has taken most vigorous precautions. It is possible there will be trouble to-day. The Under Secretary of Shipping in a proclamation to ship officers, crews and dockers declares that despite the call of a complete general strike on May 1, the smallest minority of railwaymen struck, because they understood the movement was purely revolutionary. He expresses his conviction that the seamen will refuse to be dragged into a movement the only consequence of which will be to increase the present difficulties and cost of living.

NEW BOLSHIEVIA MOBILISATION.

LONDON, May 2.
The Russian Soviet Government has ordered a new mobilisation owing to the position in the Polish front.

THE PRINCE IN NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, May 2.
The railway strike has ended and the Prince of Wales will carry out his tour of the North Island by railway as originally arranged.
NEW PLYMOUTH, May 3.
The Prince has arrived here. He was ovated at the stations along the whole route from Auckland.

SMUGGLING ARMS TO IRELAND.

LONDON, May 3.
The Daily Express states that the police are investigating the disappearance of arms and ammunition from various military centres in London. It is believed that they are being smuggled to Ireland for use by the Sinn Feiners.

ANOTHER RECORD.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.
At the Inter Collegian Athletic Meeting the two mile relay race was won by a joint Oxford and Cambridge team in 7 min. 50.2/5 secs., a world's record.

NEW STRIKE TACTICS.

LONDON, May 2.
A conference of South Wales railwaymen representing 10,000 men, has decided to begin on May 3, a "work to rule" strike, continuing until a minimum of £5 per week is granted.

Mr. Thoms, the railwaymen's leader, speaking at Derby, emphatically condemned the above strike policy and urged the adoption of English methods of warfare, namely fighting fairly and openly. He asked the railwaymen to distinguish between anarchy and democracy.

POLISH VICTORY.

ENEMY RETREATING IN DISORDER.

WARSAW, May 2.
A communique states that the enemy is retreating in disorder. An enemy brigade surrendered with 32 guns. The poles broke the enemy line north of Wisniewa and captured 8,000 prisoners and 10 guns.

PREMIER SOMEBWAT BETTER.

LONDON, May 3.
Mr. Lloyd George is somewhat better but is still confined to his room.
Two cavalry regiments at Tidworth have been ordered to be in readiness to proceed to Ireland.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
BOLSHIEVIA SCARE IN AMERICA.

New York, May 1st.
The Federal authorities are taking extraordinary precautions to prevent May Day demonstrations. Special guards have been placed at all public buildings, railroads terminals and churches against which hostile Radical sentiments are thought to exist.

Special preparations are also being made to protect Justice Weeks on Monday when Larking will be brought before him for sentence. Forty "plain clothes men," besides an unusually large force of uniformed policemen, will be stationed inside and outside the courtroom.

New York, May 1st.
A message from Hartford of May 1st says that the National Guard and the Police were called out at 2 o'clock in the morning to guard the State House, municipal buildings, electric light plant and bridge, owing to the receipt of information that Radicals intended to blow the buildings up.

MEXICAN PERMIT.

WASHINGTON, May 1st.
Forty thousand Chinese in Mexico have petitioned the State Department for permission to cross into the United States in the event of their lives being threatened by the Mexican Revolutionists. The matter is under consideration.

GOLD COINS SEIZED ON SHIP FROM CHINA.

RANGOON, May 1st.
On the arrival of a steamer from China and the Straits, the Customs seized over £15,000 worth of British and American gold coins concealed in the forepeak water tank.

GERMAN EMBASSIES AT PEKING AND TOKYO.

BERLIN, May 1st.
The staffs of the German Embassies at Peking and Tokyo left Hamburg aboard a Japanese steamer. The Ambassador, Dr. Seif follows later.

LIGHTING THE BUNGALOW.

MODERN IMPROVEMENTS SIMPLIFY THE PROBLEM.

Now that the Western type of country dwelling house is being adopted in China, by the Chinese as well as by Europeans, any modern invention which permits of electric lighting in a district remote from a city central power station will doubtless be of interest.

Owners of country houses, in the past, have been compelled to resort to the old type of internal combustion engine, driving a dynamo which is connected to a large battery of storage cells. These large accumulator batteries have been responsible for the great loss in power resulting from the change of one form of energy to another, which made them only about 60 per cent efficient.

A new system, called the "Lister-Bruston" system, manufactured by a British firm, Messrs. R. A. Lister & Company, Ltd., Dursley, England, is operated so simply that one merely switches on the light and the machine does the rest.

Without going into close technical details on the subject, it may be said that the installation operates automatically, the engine starting and stopping mechanically, as required by the amount of power used. Thus a set of small accumulators only, is necessary as the current is manufactured as required, only a small amount of power being stored to keep a few lights going when the plant is not running, and to supply the energy to set it in motion.

The system can be used for either lighting or power, or both, and, although only a set of small accumulators is used, a larger set can be installed if desired. The plant, being self-contained is not secured to the floor, and is easily removable in case of a change of residence. It may be driven with petrol fuel, or coupled up to the town gas system if one is available.

Electric light, with this system in use, requires less attention than acetylene or petrol gas light. It does not vitiate the air, nor give off poisonous fumes, and, in consequence, is much healthier. There being no smoke it does not spoil decorations. The system supplies electric power, if needed, for any purpose as well as light.

The company manufactures several types of the plant, including one especially adapted to towns, large buildings, hotels, cinemas and clubs. From the letters of appreciation received from owners in all parts of the world, it would seem an admirable improvement over the old way. Mr. J. H. Williams, C.E., the Hongkong manager for Messrs. Hogg, Karanjia & Company's Imports, kindly gave an idea of the workings of the Lister-Bruston device to one of the China Mail's representatives. He says that the plant is self-governed and all loads and is "fool proof."

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INTIMATIONS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ELECTION.

TO THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR
THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Gentlemen,—

The closeness of the contest in
which I took part two years ago
encourages me again to offer myself
as an independent candidate for the
vacancy in the representation of the
Justices of the Peace on the Legisla-
tive Council. My proposer and
seconders are Messrs. John Scott
Harston and Frank Smyth. The
ballot will take place at the Supreme
Court on Wednesday next, May 5,
between the hours of 4 and 5.30
p.m., and I now ask for your support.
The traditional policy of past elected
members—such as Messrs. Hewitt,
Shewan, Murray-Stewart, Pollock,
Holyoak and Alabaster—has been
freely to criticise the Government,
which is inclined to err in being too
conservative. If elected, I intend to
follow the example of my predecessors
to the limit of my powers.

While it is practically impossible,
in the face of a permanent Govern-
ment majority, for Hon. Unofficial
members to initiate legislation I shall
endeavour, if returned, to secure
attention to the following matters,
which I deem necessary for the con-
tinued progress of the Colony:—

1. The deepening of the Harbour
to meet requirements in sight.
2. The construction of an Aero-
drome and Seaplane Harbour.
Mechanical flying has developed
rapidly, and Hongkong must be on
the aerial mail route. In the mean-
time Canon is ahead.

3. The necessity of pushing for-
ward the promised Kowloon Hospital
to prevent unnecessary suffering and
loss of life.

4. The provision of a new and
more cheerful Lunatic Asylum, as
advanced years ago in Council by the
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. The motto
"Abandon hope all ye who enter here"
might well be inscribed over the
portal of the present institution.

5. A continuation of the present
policy of making motor roads through-
out our beautiful Colony, and at the same
time providing alongside, wherever
possible, places where people can pic-
nic or take their ease. At small cost
there is room for a miniature park,
with existing shady trees, between
North Point and Quarry Bay, where
others besides motorists, could find
quiet recreation after work.

6. The removal of restrictions in
the centre of the city to allow of the
erection of buildings six stories high
in order to meet the urgent demand
for additional office accommodation.
Fire appliances and water, if not
already available, must be provided
forthwith.

7. The resumption of all land now
occupied by the Naval and Military
authorities in the centre of the city.
The Parade Ground should be sur-
rounded forthwith for building purposes.

8. The resumption of land along
either alongside the motor-roads or in
certain defined areas where people can
buy requirements at known rates. "If
auctions are necessary," "claim jump-
ing" could be deterred by purchasers
being obliged to commence building
the required standard of house within
three months; otherwise, the lot to
revert to the original applicant at the
upset price. No bid to be accepted
from anyone unless he had deposited
approved plans before the date of
auction.

9. As a member of the Constitu-
tional Reform Association, I want the
moderate reforms they advocate.
The Estimates are too far ahead to
criticise here.

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me, I will do my utmost to justify
your confidence."

Your obedient servant,
A. R. LOWE.

Hongkong, April 30, 1920.

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candidate for the vacancy on the
Hongkong Legislative Council. I
trust I shall receive your support at
the election. If elected I shall pursue
the policy of the progress of the
Colony. I shall pay particular
attention to the trade and shipping
interests of the Colony on which I
recognise its prosperity to a great
extent depends and with which I
am not altogether unfamiliar
after very many years of
varied business experience. I
am greatly in sympathy with the
opening up of new roads, the im-
provement of existing roads and par-
ticularly that leading to the terminus
of the Peak Tramway, also the pro-
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tion grounds for both adults and chil-
dren on which the health and effi-
ciency of the members of the com-
munity so much depend. The hous-
ing problem and that of public health
will also receive my earnest con-
sideration and endeavours for the
benefit of the public. I have con-
siderable experience as Deputy in
Command of the Hongkong Police
Reserve Force. There is urgent
need of improvement in the Police
Force of Hongkong and I feel myself
competent to assist in this improve-
ment. I have been a Justice of the
Peace for very many years and in
that capacity have visited the Jail
hospitals, and lunatic asylum and
again feel that I am competent to
assist in the improvement of these
institutions. I have also been in
close touch with the
commercial men of this Colony and
know well the conditions of trade
and enterprise. Vast improvements
in Kowloon and in the ferry service
to Kowloon should be effected in the
near future. Tramways should be
established and means of transit
both for people and goods established
or improved. There is also a
great need of a hospital at
Kowloon and I shall use every
endeavour to assist in its establish-
ment. If elected it will be my
earnest desire and endeavour to do
all that is in my power for the
benefit of the residents of Hongkong
and Kowloon.—I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
T. F. ROUGH.

Hongkong, April 30, 1920.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1920.
CHEAPER RICE PREDICTED.

A gentleman in the shipping business, who is in a position to judge with a certain degree of accuracy, says that despite the failure of the Siam rice crop this year, as was previously reported, he does not think that rice will go higher, but on the contrary its price will continue its present lowering tendency, at least for a time. He bases his judgment on reports that the demand from America and Cuba has greatly lessened, due to large stocks on hand in those countries at present, and to the natural cessation in buying which must occur with so high-priced a market. Other reasons he gives are that, according to present views, enough rice has been saved from the wreck in Siam to sustain that country without necessity for resorting to importation of it, and that the crops elsewhere, notably in India and China, are unusually large this year. Whether these unusually large crops will be sufficient for supplying the deficiency caused by the failure of Siam rice he considers to be a matter of conjecture. He takes into consideration the fact that Japan, a great rice producer in the past, has been turned away from agricultural pursuits in the past few years by its extraordinary manufacturing activities, stimulated by the war and post-war demands for manufactured articles, and that the same thing applies, to a less extent, to the Philippine Islands, which country has steadily declined as a rice producer in the past few years, and is compelled to import considerable rice from Saigon. He thinks late prices have been so abnormal as to be naturally subject to a lowering tendency, but considers the market to be so sensitive to many contending influences that sound judgment on prices and supplies will be difficult to form. He called attention to the arbitrary rice prices ruling in some places due to governmental restrictions on price, notably in Japan, where market (controlled) prices cannot be taken as indicators of the rice market in uncontrolled localities where the price is subject solely to the natural law of supply and demand. He considers that, on the whole, if the large Burma crop, reported to be considerably over a million

proves to be of good quality, there will be sufficient supplies to meet the demands easily, and that there is a fair chance of the lowering tendency of the market, down to a certain point, continuing. The question has so many influences bearing upon it that, he thinks, it is as speculative a prospect as the future of money exchange. Another rice expert, beyond merely stating that the market is dull, due to the heavy stocks on hand both here and in America, declined to go into details, or express any prophecies, on rice. Still another rice man confirmed all that the shipping man gave voice to on rice and added that he believed Burma rice is being offered at an even lower figure than Hongkong. He said that no doubt American and Cuban rice buyers, with heavy high-priced stocks on hand, would refrain from buying for several months to come and that a weak market is naturally to be expected, at least for the present. We have obtained these more or less expert opinions because of the local anxieties caused by a previous prediction that we are confronted with a prospect of another rice crisis. We hope our latest advisers have the right end of the stick.

ADVERSARIA.

Those persons who with houses or apartments to let stipulate "no children" are evidently known in America as well as in Hongkong. An American paper publishes the following advertisement, which certainly does seem to clarify the situation:

Wanted, by two children aged five and three respectively, house or flat in respectable neighbourhood, with privilege of bringing parents. Good references. Apply, etc.

Sir James Cantlie, a London medico, not unknown here, deserves the O.B.E. or something. He has been inveighing against the feminine fashion of low necked dresses, and suggesting that this insufficiency of clothing about the neck is causing an increase of goitre, or swelling of the thyroid gland. The innocent old fellow, that is to say, the eminent surgeon says "it has mostly made its appearance since bare necks and chests came into fashion." Quite so. It was visible until then; but it was there all along. Goitre, Swiss neck, Derbyshire neck, puffy neck, it

has many names—has been very common in England; but happily not the bad kind called "exophthalmic." Dress, high or low, has nothing whatever to do with it. Goitrous persons, from false shame, were tempted to resort to high neck covering until fashion made it impossible, and then comfortable. Cantlie, if you examine and divide it, is a quaint name, suggestive of George Washington. But there's one thing these eminent professionals can do—they can talk nonsense.

At Shanghai, rather than cut down an old magnolia tree that had been a landmark on the Bund, they dug it up, carefully packing the roots, and dug a sloping trail down which it was carefully hauled to a new site. The job took three days. The Americans and Japanese do the same thing in less time, but all the same, we wish to put Shanghai on the back. There in Hongkong, when they round off a corner for the greater convenience of road-hogs, they show no hesitation in chopping down trees that are almost as old as the Colony.

It is to be observed in studying the Press of both countries that China fears the coming of Bolshevism via Japan and Japan fears the coming of Bolshevism via China. Europe has "nothing on them" in this matter. It pretends to fear the coming of Bolshevism via Germany, and Germany fears it coming as a result of European harshness. It doesn't matter much who bolts it up, a turnip boggle is always a fearsome object to the type that gets the wind up.

Men used to snort at the foolish feminine trick of "asking for trouble" with our street snatchers by carrying their purses in their hands, or in little hand bags. They are less outspoken now. For a while it was hats. The Magistrates were so notably lenient to the hat snatchers whom the police did catch that the game threatened to go on indefinitely for ever. Luckily a vigilance committee attended to the Wanchai hat snatchers, so effectively that it is no longer really necessary to carry one's hat on one's knee through that district, as many did. Now it is fountain pens. If you carry your pen in a waistcoat pocket, visibly, as most men do, be watchful. The first time a Chinese fronts you closely so that you feel him give him the uppercut, pick up your pen, step on his face, and walk off. The police are busy enough.

A decidedly unfair parallel has been set up in a recent sermon by the Rev. C. E. Darwent of Tientsin, a gentleman who publishes all his sermons, and so challenges criticism. He refers at length to Boswell, the peerless biographer, and goes on to say that what James Boswell did for Dr. Johnson, Paul did for Jesus. Boswell was constantly in Johnson's company, taking down his actual sayings in a notebook. Paul never was in the company of Jesus. Boswell understood Johnson, admired him, and gives us a faithful picture of him. Paul (some of us think) utterly misunderstood Jesus, and gives us an utterly wrong interpretation of His teaching. Anyway, there is no possible excuse for such a parallel or analogy.

The victim always maintains a brave front, facing his slayers with calm dignity, and of course "without faltering." The execution invariably takes place in "the cold grey light of dawn," which may be "the dull light of a cold morning." The actual executioners are always reluctant, but compelled by brutal officers. To make quite sure, the brutal officer always pistols the fallen hero into thrusts a sword or bayonet into him. But the most regular feature of all in such affairs is this, that the deed is described by someone who wasn't there.

On Sunday evening, within half an hour, seven automobiles passed an observer who reports the result to the China Mail. Of the seven, five were exceeding any reasonable speed limit. Of these five again, four were unoccupied except for the chauffeur. These four made the most noise with their hooters. No numbers were taken, unfortunately. If the police along there are instructed to take the numbers of a few offenders, there will be no need for private reports, and the danger will soon be abated.

On the interesting point of law sailors' case, raised by Mr. d'Almada in the Kazembe case we are not qualified to express an opinion. It is only on that legal point that the case is still sub judice, Captain Tylor having announced that on the facts the evidence was sufficient in effect that, apart from the technicality, his decision must stand. It is on that evidence that we now desire to make a few remarks. Our sympathy is with the men. They allege that the boatswain threatened them. This was not denied; the answer was that the threats were made jestingly. A threat to murder is not a joke. It was admitted that the men had worked all right under another officer, while the threatening boatswain was suspended. Therefore it is straining the evidence to say they conspired to impede the navigation of the ship. We conclude that the boatswain was not the sort of man for free men to sail with. For us, the cat was let out of the bag at the first hearing, when the reason for not getting rid of the boatswain (and so keeping the crew) was that the company would have to pay his fare home. To save a shipping company one man's fare, seven good workers are imprisoned as criminals, and on top of that the "jail charges" are to come out of their wages. In view of the admitted threats, and the weight of evidence, we say that was not justice; and we hope the sailors' Union will take it up. The day for "bazing" the sailorman has gone by.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 4s. 8½d.

Mr. D. Klein, who recently left Shanghai will shortly take over charge of the Dunlop Rubber Company in Peking from Mr. Eric Clarke.

The total output of the Kailan Administration's mines for the week ending April 17, amounted to 91,028 tons and the sales during the period to 92,026 tons.

Information has just been received that the Chinese Government has conferred upon Li Col. J. S. Hay of the Chinese Labour Corps the Order of the Wen Hu (Literary Tiger).

Mr. Arthur D. Hughes and Miss Hazel M. Ross were married at the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church at 6.45 on Wednesday evening, April 21, 1920, by the pastor Rev. C. E. Holman.

Mr. E. W. Fitchford, General Manager of the Fu Chung Corporation, has recently been awarded the Third Class Chao Ho Decoration by the Chinese Government.—Shanghai Times.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lucia Denegri, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Denegri of Jessfield Road Shanghai, to Lieutenant Bruno Panfil of the Italian Flying Corps.

Consignees are reminded that rent will be charged, after tomorrow, the 5th, on all goods remaining undelivered which arrived on the s.s. "Kazembe" of the American and Manchurian Line.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hilda (Dody) Boyd, younger daughter of Mrs. Geo. T. Finch of Shanghai, to Mr. Dare Wallace, elder son of Captain and the late Mrs. F. H. Wallace of Shanghai.

Lieut. E. Fiori, Assistant Chief of Police, has taken over command of the French Municipal Police Shanghai, in place of Capt. Ch. Schmitt who left for France on the M.M.S. "Andre Lebon" on April 23.

In the H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament yesterday Major and Mrs. Greenaway beat F. A. Redmond and Mrs. Winslow 6-4, 6-6, 6-3, in the semi-final of the Mixed Handicap Doubles. They next meet Major Bowen and Mrs. Timmis.

In the course of the debate in the House of Commons on the Supplementary Estimates, some amusement was caused by Sir Alfred Mond's reference to Harbin, the dusty railway junction in mid-Manchuria, as "a thriving seaport."

Astronomers representing four Australian states have been in conference in Melbourne with the object of ascertaining accurately the exact position of the 129th meridian of longitude, which decides the exact boundary between Victoria and South Australia, an old standing question. Wireless telegraphy has so improved communication with Greenwich Observatory that more accurate time calculations are possible.

The "Glenluc," which arrived in Singapore recently brought the war trophies allotted to the Straits Settlements, comprising one heavy gun, one light gun, three machine guns, forty helmets, three packs, one signal thrower, ten wire cutters and four trench mortars. Of these one machine gun, ten helmets, one pack, two wire cutters, and one trench mortar have been sent to Labuan as its share. The rest have been divided among Singapore, Penang and Malacca and their respective portions despatched. Singapore's trophies are housed in the museum. Only portions of the guns have arrived and when the rest are to hand they will be handed over to the Municipality and probably placed in front of the Memorial Hall.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Five Chinese died of influenza last week.

Notifiable disease last week: plague 2, smallpox 3, enteric 2, c.s. fever 8, puerperal fever 1. None since.

Mr. C. F. F. Wearne has been re-elected President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Malaya.

Australians and New Zealanders in Singapore held a dinner at the Hotel Europe on April 24 in commemoration of the Gallipoli landing.

The s.s. "Brave Coeur," a U.S. Shipping Board freighter, operated by Messrs. Struthers & Dixon, sails today, with mail for America on board, direct for San Francisco.

Mr. Lunt, Hongkong manager for Struthers & Dixon, leaves for Shanghai in a few days to attend the conference of Struthers & Dixon representatives to be held in Shanghai.

The s.s. "Cusco," of the Green Star Line, Messrs. Struthers & Dixon, Agents, sails today for New York, through the Panama Canal, calling at Cuban ports after arrival on the Atlantic side.

The s.s. "Kidderpore," Peninsular and Oriental Co., Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. Hongkong agents will be dispatched for Shanghai at daybreak, to-morrow. She carries no passengers.

The freighter "Tsuyama Maru," of the New York Line of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has arrived from Yokohama, and will leave shortly for New York via the Panama Canal. She carries no passengers.

Two Chinese who were this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with smuggling some unstamped letters into the Colony from the country, were ordered to pay a fine of \$25 each.

The latest reports from England as to the health of Dr. Morrison are more hopeful and the doctors have stated that the disease from which Dr. Morrison has been so long suffering is not cancer, and is now becoming more amenable to medical treatment.

Miss Jeannette Sherwin, whose performance as the French girl was a notable feature of the production of Mr. Arnold Bennett's "Sacred and Profane Love" at the Aldwych, has been engaged by Mr. H. B. Waring for a tour of India and the Far East.

The Commander of the two Dutch cruisers, "Tromp" and "Hertog Horn," Commander Bentz, and his Staff, are paying a visit to Peking, where they will have an audience with the President, and be entertained by the Naval Board and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Some excitement was caused at the Apollo Theatre Shanghai a few days ago when Emmanuel E. Soussigner, of 3 Young Allen Terrace, shot at F. Schichman, while the latter was in the entrance to the theatre. At the Russian Court after a brief hearing, the case was remanded.

The Chinese are now masters in Harbin, reports a contemporary. The Japanese are refraining from going out in the evenings, in order to avoid complications with the Chinese and Russians. Japanese refugees are arriving there daily, from Siberia, and Japanese currency is replacing Russian money.

Charged before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Magistracy this morning with the unlawful possession of a revolver and several rounds of ammunition, a Chinese, who said he was an army officer, and was passing through from Fook Shing to Sui Hing was fined \$25, the revolver and ammunition being confiscated.

The London Times of February 19, 1920, announces that Capt. C. A. Bowers, C.L.C., stationed in France, has the 5th Class of the Wen Hu Order (Striped Tiger) conferred on him by the President of the Chinese Republic for his service to the Chinese while in France. Captain Bowers left Shanghai about three years ago and hopes shortly to return to Shanghai to be demobilized.

Messrs. T. K. Wong, Ltd., have not waited long before making further arrangements to give the people of this part of the world an opportunity of seeing modern flying. The Nieuport Night Hawk aeroplane, which has been flying in England, France, Belgium and India for a period of eighteen months, was landed at Penang last week, and the pilot, Capt. R. S. Carroll accompanied by his wife, arrives by this week's P. and O. steamer. It is expected that the first exhibition flights will be made in Penang and that Capt. Carroll will then fly to Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur.—Malay Mail.

THE CREW OF THE "KAZEMBE".

AN APPLICATION FOR RE-HEARING OF CASE.

INTERESTING ARGUMENT AT THE MARINE COURT.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared before Marina Magistrate (Captain Basil Tylor, R.N.) at the Marine Court yesterday afternoon, and applied for a re-hearing of the case in which West Indians, members of the crew of the s.s. "Kazembe," were last week convicted on a charge of having unlawfully combined together to impede the navigation of the ship by refusing to turn to under the boatswain when ordered to do so by the master at Manila; and sentenced to seven days' hard labour (jail charges to be paid from the defendants' wages).

Mr. d'Almada said that his Worship, sitting as a subsidiary magistrate under the Merchant Shipping Act, was bound by the provisions of the local Navigation Ordinance. The procedure as regards re-hearing, he said, was laid down in Section 96, and his application was made under that section. He submitted, as reason for his application for a re-hearing, that the conviction was bad on points of law and fact. The first point he was going to raise was a technical one. He did not propose to lay stress on it, as he did not rely on it, but there was no harm in mentioning it. It had to do with the wording of the charge, which, he contended, was wrong in that as the charge was made out against each man separately, it should have read "being a seaman, unlawfully did combine with the other defendants, as it was obvious that each man could not 'combine together'."

The evidence in the case was, in effect, that the defendants in Manila, informed the master that if the boatswain was not taken off the ship, they would not sail in her.

His Worship said that the offence was committed at sea. Mr. d'Almada pointed out that the evidence of the master showed that the trouble took place at Manila. The master told the Court that when the crew refused to turn to for reasons already stated, he went to the British Consulate at Manila, and the Vice-Consul came on board. After investigating the matter, the Vice-Consul gave the master permission to suspend the boatswain, and instructed him to prosecute the crew in Hongkong. Finally, the men turned to under another officer of the ship, and he believed they performed their duties on board until the arrival of the ship in Hongkong.

Having regard to the facts of the case as presented at the trial, he submitted that, as far as conspiracy to impede the navigation of the ship was concerned, there was no ground for convicting them.

Another point which was fatal to the prosecution, said Mr. d'Almada, was that the Merchant Shipping Ordinance under which his clients were tried and convicted, dealt, in Section 9, with offences committed "within the waters of the Colony." He submitted that that being so, the conviction was, under that section, and irrespective of the facts of the case, wrong, as his Worship had no jurisdiction because the offence complained of occurred at Manila, which port, of course, was not within the waters of the Colony.

His Worship referred Mr. d'Almada to Section 41 of the Ordinance. Counsel said he had not forgotten that section, which laid down that "Such of the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed." He thought that section supported his contention.

Captain Tylor then referred to Section 225 of the Home Merchant Shipping Act, which provided that a Magistrate had power to deal with offences at sea, and made no mention of "within the waters of the United Kingdom."

Mr. d'Almada said his point was that the local Ordinance having provided the power of the Magistrate to deal with offences within the waters of the Colony, the Merchant Shipping Act did not operate here.

Captain Tylor read from the local Ordinance the passage "in all other respects the Merchant Shipping Act shall be in force in the Colony."

Mr. d'Almada, "Quite so," in all other respects, meaning that the Merchant Shipping Act is only in force where no local provisions are made. By section 41 of the local Ordinance which says "such of the provisions of the Act as are inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed," the Merchant Shipping Act is clearly not operative in the Colony where provisions have already been made for an offence in the local Ordinance. My submission is that where the local Ordinance incorporates a Section of the Merchant Shipping Act, that Section of the Act is repealed, otherwise, what is the use of making our own Ordinances? Captain Tylor wanted to know in what way the Merchant Shipping Act was inconsistent with the local Ordinance.

Mr. d'Almada replied that the inconsistency was that whereas the local Ordinance gave him power as a subsidiary magistrate to deal with offences committed within the waters of the Colony, the Merchant Shipping Act did not limit his powers to dealing with such offences.

Captain Tylor asked if Mr. d'Almada contended that because the local Ordinance had incorporated that part of the Section of the Merchant Shipping Act, the Act, which applied to the whole world, did not apply here.

Mr. d'Almada said that was exactly his point, so far as the provisions of Section 41 of the Ordinance supported him.

Captain Tylor—No, no; no, no! We can legislate for the waters of the Colony. The Merchant Shipping Act operates for the whole world. He wanted to know if Mr. d'Almada said that the Legislature had no power to legislate for anything out of the Home Act.

Mr. d'Almada said that the Legislature had the power to make laws for the freedom and liberty of the subject, but the Legislature had already made laws confining the powers of the Magistrate to dealing with such offences as they were now discussing, to the waters of the Colony.

If it was intended that offences committed throughout the world may be dealt with in the Colony, the Legislature would have said that the Merchant Shipping Act as a whole applied to the Colony. But, having incorporated a Section of the Merchant Shipping Act into the local Ordinance, the Legislature made it plain that the powers of the Magistrates were only confined to the punishment of such crimes as came under the Ordinance. The Act, so far as it was inconsistent with the Ordinance, had been repealed. The inconsistency was plain. In Hongkong, according to his reading of the Ordinance, they were confined to the waters of the Colony. If an offence was committed in Manila, the master had the right to bring the case up in England.

Captain Tylor said that the Merchant Shipping Act had always been the law here.

Mr. d'Almada: So far as it is not inconsistent with the local Ordinance. The local Ordinance confines the powers of the Magistrate; the Merchant Service Act does not.

Captain Tylor asked if Mr. d'Almada's point was that the charge against the defendant should have been made under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, and not under the local Ordinance.

Mr. d'Almada said that was not his point at all. The local Ordinance gave the Magistrate power to deal with certain cases. The Merchant Shipping Act, in the Section concerned, was inconsistent with the Ordinance. The inconsistency being present, under Section 41 of the Ordinance, the Merchant Shipping Act was repealed. Therefore, the Magistrate had no jurisdiction. Otherwise, he had to see the force of Section 41.

Captain Tylor said that, according to Mr. d'Almada's contention, the master of a ship engaged in the coastal trade could not apply to the Court here to deal with a refractory crew. The men could do just as they liked, and they could not be prosecuted.

Mr. d'Almada: Unless the ship is within three miles of the Colony. Captain Tylor: The thing is absurd. Suppose the ship never went to England.

Mr. d'Almada: The only thing is to remedy the law.

Captain Tylor: I think your contention is absurd. Mr. d'Almada: Yes, many laws are absurd. Our Ordinance is plain. It was intended, when the law was made, to limit the powers of the Magistrate, perhaps because the legislators of the time thought that if they did not specify the "waters of the Colony" they would be infringing the rights of the Board of Trade or something else.

Captain Tylor: The Merchant Shipping Act operates here, as it does everywhere else in the whole world. Mr. d'Almada wanted to know if an offence was committed at San Francisco, could the offenders be tried here?

Captain Tylor: Yes! Mr. d'Almada: And if the offence was committed in England?

Captain Tylor: Yes!

Mr. d'Almada: Then the Merchant Shipping Act is useless so far as it applies to England.

Captain Tylor said he did not understand that argument.

Mr. d'Almada said he asked that his submission be seriously considered, because it was interesting and important. He was strongly of the opinion that the Court had no jurisdiction over the offence committed by the defendants, and he would be failing in his duty to his clients if he did not lay stress on the law as it was interpreted by him. He asked the Magistrate to consider his point, and give his decision later.

Captain Tylor said that Section 225 of the Merchant Shipping Act was applicable in the United Kingdom or out of it.

Mr. d'Almada replied that that was why, when the local Ordinance was drafted, provisions were made for offences committed within the Colony's water only to be dealt with in fact, the Ordinance, especially mentioned that. He was convinced that he was right. Of course, the Magistrate had the right to refuse his application, and he might have to go further.

Captain Tylor said that as regards the first point—that the evidence was insufficient for a conviction—he was of opinion that the evidence was sufficient. As to the legal point, he was not prepared to give his decision off-hand. He would consider it, and give it later.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Renter's Service to the China Mail)

TROUBLED IRELAND.

Nationalist members of Parliament have made a statement announcing their refusal to participate in further discussions of the Home Rule Bill, which "attempts to break up a nation as inextinguishable as any in Europe by the offer of sham parliaments." The signatories denounce the repeal of the 1914 Bill as a perfidious crime against good faith between nations.

LONDON, May 3.

Indications are that the land agitation in western Ireland is rapidly spreading. Cattle driving and other forms of intimidation are occurring daily despite the presence of the police and military. Large and small holders are equally affected. The agitators openly boast of the coming fight for the land as the biggest for some time. The chief causes of the unrest are that the country is full of young men who are unable to emigrate and the wartime shortage of available land. Last evening armed and masked men invaded the Cork telegraph office, some threatening the watchman, while others searched the office. They finally escaped by motorcar with many documents.

THE CIVIL SERVICE REPORT.

The recommendations of the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the report of the commission which sat to enquire into the salaries of the local civil servants has now been received. No details of their nature are yet available as the matter is still under consideration of His Excellency the Governor, there being certain details which have to be worked out.

DEATH OF "LIEUT. COL." NORRIS-NEWMAN.

Lieut. Col. Charles L. Norris-Newman, a prominent resident of Tientsin and well known throughout north China, passed away at the Victoria Hospital, Tientsin, on April 21. He was afflicted with cancer, and though his condition had improved somewhat recently, a sudden relapse proved fatal. The deceased, who was 67 years of age, was born in Yorkshire, the son of C. Sherwood Newman and the Countess de Rosa Y. Robyns and had a most varied and interesting career. He was educated for the army, and served with the French during the Franco-Prussian war, gaining a decoration for his work during the siege of Paris. Love of adventure drew him into the ranks of the Carlists, and later he went over to Egypt and joined the forces of General Gordon. In the course of further wanderings, he saw service in the South African campaign of 1877, the Zulu war two years later, and the first Transvaal war. In the capacities of intelligence officer and staff officer he took part also in various campaigns in Basutoland, Madagascar, Zanzibar, and Central Africa. His fighting record did not end here, for shortly after his arrival in China in 1901 he joined the Russian Naval Staff at Port Arthur, in the capacity of English instructor, and passed through the first year of the Russo-Japanese war with the Russian forces. He was an eye witness of the naval attack on Port Arthur, and followed the Russian Army on its retreat through Manchuria as a special war correspondent. On his return to Tientsin he established a newspaper, the "China Review," and later the "China Critic." He was a journalist and writer of some distinction, and author of several volumes on British exploits in Africa. He gained several military decorations of the first class.

YESTERDAY'S WEDDING.

Captain Victor R. Ullman, M.C., the gallant officer who was yesterday married in the Union Church to Miss Marie Sudakoff, daughter of the former Russian Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Alexander Sudakoff, first met his bride in Ekaterinburg, where her father was then a wealthy manufacturer, his property yet to be despoiled by the Bolsheviks. Having seen service early in the war, when he was wounded and twice gassed, Captain Ullman, who is a graduate of Kingston, the Canadian Sandhurst, was in 1919 sent to Ekaterinburg to train Russian troops on British lines. While in Russia, Captain Ullman had a bad attack of typhus and before coming to Hongkong was recuperating in Japan. It should be mentioned in connection with the marriage that the bride, who looked very becoming in her wedding gown, was attended by Mrs. Saches. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, was rendered the more solemn and beautiful by the appropriate wedding music played by Captain Bevan-McC. (late Grenadier Guards), at the organ.

A REPATRIATION TRIP.

HONGKONG MAN'S EXPERIENCES.

Mr. V. C. Labrum of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, who went to Kiree with the Hongkong contingent and later journeyed to the Balkans, returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Huntsman," an ex-German vessel. He has given a China Mail representative a few of his experiences of the voyage out from which it will be gathered that it was by no means a pleasure trip. Mr. Labrum was disembarked last May and has since been waiting for a boat. Most of the men who came out on repatriation on the "Huntsman" have been demobilised for nine months or so. It was originally intended that the men should embark on the "Professor," which arrived here some few days ago, but somebody changed his mind and they were doomed to a further spell of waiting. The voyage from Devonport to Hongkong has occupied six weeks. In the first place, Mr. Labrum mentioned that some men of the Wiltshire Regiment bound for Hongkong were on the ship, but were taken off again owing to an outbreak of influenza. The place occupied by them was disinfected and given over to the men for repatriation who numbered about 50 being for Bombay, Hongkong and North China. They included Sgt. Palmer of the Royal Naval Dockyard Police and formerly of the King Edward's Horse, Charlie Bond Jr., Sgt. Davies of the Sanitary Department accompanied by his wife, George Sterling of Swatow and about ten members of the Shanghai Police. Capt. Booker, of the Hongkong Police, had a passage on the boat, but he and his wife had to go off at Aden in consequence of measles being contracted by one of the children. This fact caused considerable comment as it was believed that the wife of one of the officers, who also was suffering from the malady, was allowed to remain on board and continue her journey. Conditions on the ship itself were far from pleasant. The men were provided with hammocks, and though not disposed to make too much of that, they made serious complaint with regard to the food, which they contended was insufficient. Several complaints were made and it is possible that the naval ratings who came out on the vessel will endeavour to carry the matter further. It was lucky that the weather was fine during the trip as the hold in which the repatriated men were put had only two port holes. These were almost level with the water, and their use was impossible when the sea was at all rough. As Mr. Labrum said, "When there was any sea we simply had to stew in our own juice." The people who went to Bombay were lucky, he continued, as they didn't have to go any further. The men were not allowed ashore until they got to Bombay despite the fact that the ship touched at Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said and Aden.

Mr. Labrum particularly mentioned the case of one of the men who came out, an ex-pupil of the Diocesan School, who had been in hospital for two years in England recovering from injuries received in action. Although considerably damaged he was given the same fare as the others but found it almost impossible to eat it. The whole voyage seems to have been a series of complaints and Mr. Labrum was obviously sincere in his remarks "Thank Heaven we've got here at last."

NIGHT LIFE IN HONGKONG.

Mr. R. O. Hutchison had before him at the Magistracy this morning, an American named Mark Renton, charged with the theft of a silk coat, a pair of trousers, a pair of socks and a pair of garters from No. 17 Tai Yue Street. When asked to plead, the defendant said "Well, I guess I am guilty, your Honour, but I don't know what I took the things for, or what I did with them, I must have been drunk. All I remember was that I woke up in jail this morning."

Inspector Kent said he was called to No. 17 Tai Yue Street last night, and on his arrival there, he met a Chinese girl, who said an American was in her cubicle breaking up her furniture. Witness went upstairs, and found the defendant sitting in the cubicle drinking beer. He was drunk, but certainly not disorderly as the girl alleged. The girl said she did not want him in the house, so witness removed him to No. 2 Police Station. There were other Europeans in the house. At the station, the silk jacket and other things were found stuffed in the defendant's trousers. In justice to the defendant, said the Inspector, he must say that he did not think the defendant really meant to steal the things. He was so drunk that he hardly knew what he was doing. The defendant had \$36 in his pocket when searched at the station.

His Worship told the defendant he must be very careful what he did in such houses, or he would find himself in very serious trouble. A fine of \$5 or seven days' hard labour was imposed.

COMPANY DIVIDEND.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd. to be held on May 22nd the Board of Directors will recommend a dividend of \$2.25 per share and a bonus of 75 cents per share.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "War Sepoy," Capt. Hamsin, 3,491 tons, arrived yesterday at 5.30 p.m., from Singapore.

The s.s. "Sunning," Capt. W. Benson, 1,570 tons, arrived yesterday at 7.30 p.m., from Amoy with 440 tons of general cargo and 23 bags of mail.

The s.s. "Takada," Capt. F. E. Harvey, 4,222 tons, arrived yesterday at 5 p.m., from Singapore, with 37 packages of mail and 1,350 tons of general cargo.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Devawongse," Capt. Shearer, sailed for Saigon at 10 a.m. to-day, with 700 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Chusan," Capt. Davies, sailed for Bangkok via Swatow at 10 a.m. to-day, with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Tijpanas," Capt. P. Weide, sailed for Batavia via Banka at 4 p.m. to-day, with 3,500 tons of general cargo.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The Adjourned General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, on MONDAY, 10th May, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order of the Committee, L. S. GREENHILL, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Buildings, on SATURDAY, 22nd May, 1920, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Account to 29th February 1920, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 22nd May, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. Agents, Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

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WEDNESDAY, May 5th.

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DINNER DANCE from 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 8th.

TEA DANCING from 4 to 7 p.m.

DINNER DANCE from 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 9th.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 47th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1919, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 8th May to 21st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager, Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 51st ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1919, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th May to 21st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager, Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 54th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at 12.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1919, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th May to 21st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager, Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

TOTO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "SEIKO MARU," From SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU & JAPAN PORTS.

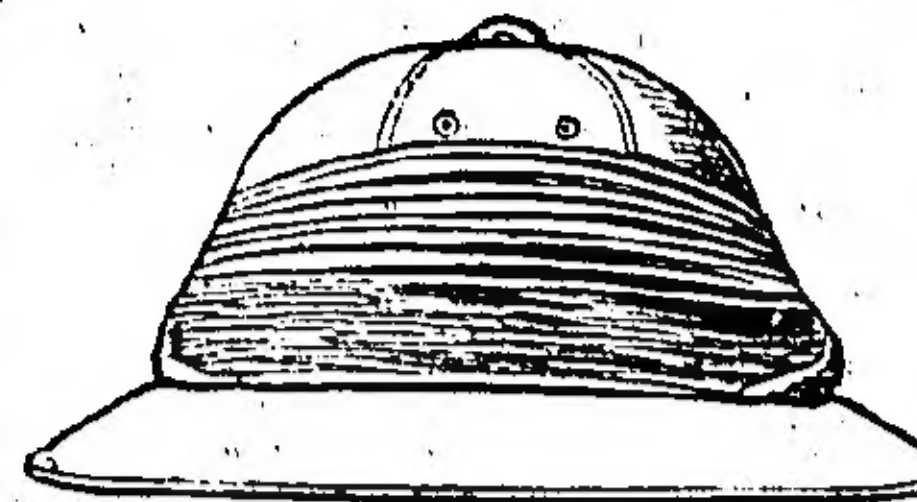
The above named steamer having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bill of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery from alongside. Cargo remaining undelivered on Sunday, 2nd May, 1920, at 5 p.m. will be landed at consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on Monday, 10th May, 1920, at 5 p.m. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected. No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown. All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on Monday, 10th May, 1920, at 11 a.m. No claim will be recognised if filed three weeks after landing of cargo.

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager, Hongkong, May 3, 1920.

NOTICES.

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THE FAR EASTERN INSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourth ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Far Eastern Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at Shanghai on April 26. Mr. Edward Ezra presided, supported by Count. Jezierski, and Messrs. E. E. Arnold, E. T. Byrne, J. H. Dollar, and H. M. Tibbey, directors, and Mr. W. S. Jackson, General Manager. The attendance represented 24,554 shares.

The notice convening the meeting, and the auditors' report having been read.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen—I would refer you to the report and accounts to December 31, 1919 showing the second complete year's work of the Company, a copy of which you will find on your seats and as a copy of same was forwarded to each shareholder several days ago I will, with your approval, take them as read.

I would first draw your attention to working account 1918 which shows a balance at credit of Tls. 156,263.74, and after allowing for all estimated pending claims on this account, the result should show a satisfactory profit when the working account of 1918 is finally closed.

With reference to working account for the twelve months ending December 31, 1919, you will no doubt notice a satisfactory increase in the amount of Premium earned, namely Tls. 560,821.42 as compared with Tls. 299,986.28 during 1918. We have again shown the amount of Reinsurance Premium on the other side of the account in order that you may see that we have carried on our policy of proceeding with caution and running small limits and have, in consequence, had to expend this large sum in re-insuring. Now, however, that the business is increasing and extending, we shall be in a position to increase our limits somewhat.

The balance at credit of this account, namely Tls. 209,716.13 would have been very much more substantial but for the fact that we have charged Working Account 1919 with the depreciation in the market value of local investments and loss in Exchange, amounting to Tls. 644,774.15, but this depreciation and loss in Exchange, are, of course, really only book entries, and I hope at the end of this year there will be an appreciation in the market value of our local investments, instead of depreciation.

Your Directors were inclined to carry forward the whole of the balance standing at the credit of working account 1919, but considering the large sum earned for interest and dividends on the Company's Investments, namely Tls. 57,229.43 during the last year, and also the fact that shareholders who invested their money in this Company over two years ago were entitled to receive a portion of this interest income, they decided to declare a dividend of 6 per cent. out of interest earned, and this I trust will meet with your entire approval.

In the balance sheet there is very little for me to comment upon. You will notice that the Assets total the satisfactory sum of Tls. 1,087,984.87. With the exception of the value of our permanent Gold Investments, which with the approval of our auditors have been again valued at the Tais cost price, Sterling Exchange has been taken at 7/10 and the relative value, between Gold Dollars and Tais at 149, these being the T. T. rates on December 31, 1919, and the consequent loss in Exchange, amounting to Tls. 126,418.15, has been debited to working account 19.

250 M. P. H. BY AIR.

TRAVELLING IN 1925.

M. Michelin, the new President of the Aero Club of France, believes that in a few years—say, in 1925—the normal speed of aeroplanes will be 250 miles per hour.

M. Michelin was no doubt influenced in his statements by the recent inventions of N. Ratan, a well-known scientist who has evolved a turbine which permits flight at a very great height by compressing the air necessary for the working of the motor, and of course, incidentally, for the lungs of the pilot and passengers.

Another distinguished engineer hopes shortly to be able to construct a machine fitted with motors totalling a force of 50,000 h.p. When the schemes are realised it will be possible to leave Paris after breakfast, lunch at Naples, and dine in Cairo.

Competition for both Fire and Marine Insurance has been very rife of late, largely in consequence of the slackness of business generally caused by the high rate of Exchange ruling at the present time, but in spite of this competition, I feel confident that our Far Eastern Company will be able to hold its own. We are going ahead and extending our fields of operation carefully and gradually.

I would remind shareholders that the Far Eastern is a local Company with a large proportion of its shares held in China, and as every shareholder has something to insure, either his household effects, his residence, his private effects when travelling, or his motor car, I hope he will not overlook the Far Eastern when he places his insurances, as small contributors often become large contributors. I can assure you that however small the business a shareholder may bring to this office, he will receive the same attention and consideration as one bringing a risk for many thousands of Tais.

By bringing your own business, and that of your friends, to the Company in which you are a shareholder, you will be helping to build up and strengthen it.

The foregoing and following resolutions were formally carried: Proposed by Mr. H. E. Arnold, seconded by Mr. H. J. Clark: That a dividend at the rate of six per cent being One Tael & 20 cents per share, on the paid-up Capital of the Company, be declared payable on and after April 27, 1920, at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation or the Russo-Asiatic Bank, Shanghai, to shareholders of record on April 19, 1920.

Proposed by Mr. John Prentice, seconded by Mr. H. J. Clark: That Messrs. Edward J. Ezra, H. E. Arnold, E. T. Byrne, J. Harold Dollar, V. Meyer, H. M. Tibbey and Count L. Jezierski be re-elected Directors to serve until the next Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Proposed by Mr. W. J. N. Dyer seconded by Mr. T. Orton: That Messrs. G. H. & N. Thomson be re-elected Auditors to serve until the next Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and that their remuneration be Tls. 300 per annum.

This was all the business, and the Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be posted that evening.

COMPANY REPORTS.

BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

The report of the Bank of Canton, Ltd. for 1919 has now been issued. Including a balance of \$60,026.78 brought forward from the previous account, the net profit for the period under review, after paying all charges, amounts to \$526,735.84. After deducting \$33,279.71 for bonus, a sum of \$493,457.13 remains, which with \$400,000, transferred from reserve fund, and \$40,000 from investment reserve fund, gives a total of \$833,457.13. After writing off sums for fixtures, etc., the following sums have been appropriated: Bonus to be paid in shares to holders of silver shares of \$50 paid up—\$600,000; additional bonus to be paid in shares to holders of silver shares of \$50 paid up—\$82,787.64. It is explained that the item of \$82,787.64 is appropriated as additional bonus for the purpose of making up the difference between the value of \$200,000 in respect of 40,000 shares of £5 each at the rate of exchange fixed by the board and the bonus dividend of \$15 each in respect of 40,000 silver shares declared and converted into sterling in pursuance of the extraordinary resolutions passed on October 27, 1919 which the directors trust will be confirmed by the shareholders.

After making these transfers there remains for appropriation the sum of \$249,960.99 out of which the directors recommended payment of a dividend of 5 per cent. on the subscribed capital, and a bonus of \$3 per silver share of \$50 paid up. These will absorb \$241,802.17, leaving a balance of \$2,158.81 to be carried to new profit and loss account.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

The report of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd. to be presented to the annual meeting of shareholders on May 14 states that the working account for 1918 and former years shows a balance at credit of \$2,821,025.02, and the directors recommended the payment of a dividend to shareholders of 20 per cent. out of this account, and the transfer of \$413,720.80 to the credit of the reinsurance reserve fund. The account will then stand as follows: Dividend of 20 per cent. \$564,251.00 To Reinsurance reserve fund 363,720.80 Balance to be carried forward 2,217,304.22

Total \$2,821,025.02

The directors recommend that the sum of £1,000 should be again donated to the Sailors' War Orphans' Fund, being a fund which they consider should continue to receive the support of this Association, also that a sum of £1,000 be donated to the King's Fund for Disabled.

Working Account, 1919.—The net premium earned during 1919, after deducting return premium, R. insurance premium, etc. amount to \$2,936,774.80, and, after debiting this account with the depreciation in the market value of investments and loss in exchange amounting to \$379,433.64, there remains a balance of \$1,718,821.75, which the directors recommend should be carried forward.

The directors are of the opinion that it will meet the wishes of the majority of the shareholders if, instead of following the usual custom of declaring a special dividend out of interest earned during the past year, they declare an interim dividend later on in the year, should they consider the estimated result of 1919 underwriting justifies it.

Building Reserve Fund.—This fund, having served the purpose for which it was opened, is no longer required and the directors recommended transferring the sum of \$116,279.20, standing to its credit, to the reinsurance reserve fund.

Reinsurance Reserve Fund.—After withdrawing from this fund, in July of last year, the sum of \$480,000, for the payment of a bonus of \$40 per share to shareholders, there remains a balance of \$770,000, to the credit of this fund, and after transferring \$363,720.80, from working account 1918 and former years, and transferring \$116,279.20, from building reserve fund to the credit of this fund as recommended above, the fund will stand at \$1,250,000.

The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders takes place at 4 p.m. and will be followed by an extraordinary meeting. Resolutions will be proposed to effect a subdivision of capital, an increase of capital and changes in the Association's articles.

Two new launches are being built for the "WALLA-WALLA" fleet. Phone No. 3516.

FIRE ON THE KHIVA.

FURTHER DETAILS.

In continuation of the information cable to the China Mail by its Singapore correspondent, the following is taken from the Singapore Free Press of April 24:

The P. and O. wharf was the scene of not a little excitement on Thursday night and throughout the early hours of yesterday morning, when a fire broke out in hold No. 3 of the "Khiva," which but for the difficulty experienced at first in locating it, would have been subdued very quickly. It was about a quarter to eleven that cries of fire were raised by the coolies at work in the hold and became general in a very short time. Hold No. 3 being immediately under the first class saloons in the fore part of the ship, passengers who had just retired for the night, or were about to do so, began to feel rather uncomfortable, but we are told that it was not before a lady had rushed out to find the cause that they realised that they were being subjected to a slow baking process from below. As a result there was a general rush to the promenade deck, especially of ladies and children, ready with their luggage to make an exodus if necessary, but being assured by the ship's authorities that such an eventuality was not necessary, some got on to the wharf to watch the operations of the fire extinguishers and others remained on board.

It appears that the hold was stacked with general cargo for London and Marseilles, and for Penang, and Chinese samsu for Singapore, of which last mentioned article the greater number of cases had been removed, there being only fifteen cases in the hold at the time of the fire.

In all probability the fire originated with the samsu receptacles, either by the spontaneous combustion of one of them, or by the lighted stump of a cigarette thrown down by one of the coolies. The Central Fire and the S.H.B. brigades were summoned. Owing to the delay in getting communication with them through the telephone, it was not till a quarter to twelve that both the staffs turned out with three engines. About the same time the two S.H.B. fireboats Varuna and Sunda also came alongside and despite their joint efforts in playing water through the nearest hatchway, no great effect could be brought on the fire, as it was about thirty or forty yards away. Visibility was nullified by the mass of smoke that shot forth through the hatchway and no one could be persuaded to climb down with a hose. Under the circumstances, the hatchway was closed with heavy planks and tarpaulins to render it air tight and hoses played through apertures. It was soon evident that this was not going to avert the danger, and the services of an engineer in the employ of the United Engineers were requisitioned about 3 a.m. for opening up a port hole on the side of the ship adjacent to the wharf, leading to the place where the fire was centred. This was done by oxy-acetylene burner and the cut piece was beaten down into the hold with its steel plugs. This was about four o'clock, and then the work of getting the flames under by bringing hoses into play through this aperture took half an hour. Two hoses were introduced by the fire brigade from the wharf, and the other brought from the fireboat round the bow of the ship and on to the wharf.

Messrs. Wilson and Cresson and their respective men stood to their work unswervingly and played incessant streams of water till the tongues of flame were checked. The men remained at their posts till 11 a.m. yesterday when the smouldering flames were completely extinguished and the damage in the hold in which the cargo was floating, was pumped out.

About 500 tons of cargo whose value has not yet been made out by Lloyd's local representatives, but which should reach five figures, is said to be the total damage done through the action of fire and water. Fortunately the camphor which was stored just behind the samsu and part of the general cargo which were actually burnt was untouched, otherwise the damage would have been more serious.

We understand that the cargo which had been variously shipped in Shanghai, Hongkong, Kobe and Yokohama, is covered by insurance. Capt. Potter, master of the "Khiva," his officers and men, as well as Mr. A. R. Wijeykoon, acting wharf manager and his subordinates, rendered valuable assistance. Captain Edwards of the S.H.B. representatives of the agents and other officials, were also on the scene. The departure of the vessel has been postponed till Monday at 4 p.m.

LIEUT. MASIERO LEAVES CANTON.

WILL USE NEW MACHINE FLIGHT TO MAKE UP LOST DISTANCE.

Lieutenant Masiero of the Rome Tokyo Flight left Canton for Shanghai last Saturday afternoon.

Although Lieut. Masiero had not quite recovered from his indisposition, the departure of the two aeroplanes was decided to take place on April 28.

Early in the morning the motors were heard of the Two S. V. A. No. 9 aeroplanes piloted by Lieut. Masiero and Lieut. Ferrarin from Fongtsuen to the North Parade Ground.

The aeroplanes bearing the Italian tricolors were flying over the city for several minutes causing the admiration of the population of Canton City. They arrived at the North Parade Ground and were met by a large crowd.

About 9 o'clock, Administrative Director Tsien Chun-huan, accompanied by the leaders of the Military and Civil authorities arrived at the camp. He showed much interest in the inspection of the machines.

On the same morning Marchese Paulucci Italian Ambassador at Tokyo, accompanied by his wife and Barone Russo, Secretary of the same embassy, with wife, arrived at the camp.

Lieut. Masiero and Lieut. Ferrarin were presented by his Excellency the Military Governor of Kwangtung, with two silver bowls and two gold Medals with his best wishes for the success of the glorious flight.

After all preparations Lieut. Ferrarin started on his journey at 9.30 and a few minutes later Lieut. Masiero and the motorist Mareto tried to fly by the opposite direction to the first aeroplane as it was noticed that Lieut. Ferrarin had some difficulties in escaping some obstacles met at the end of the camp. After leaving the ground with full speed and taking regular flying position Lieut. Masiero unfortunately struck a tree that he did not notice at the sharp turn of a hill.

The aeroplane had a terrible smash, and it was only due to the skillful ness of the pilot and the strongly built aeroplane that the pilot, after the motor was thrown out and the propeller destroyed, was able to direct his aeroplane to a rice field saving his life and the life of the motorist. Both were quite unhurt to the surprise of all the spectators who saw them walking out of the damaged machine.

Lieut. Masiero is an experienced pilot who, during the war, shot down 16 enemy aeroplanes and one drake-balcon. He has been decorated with three military Italian Silver medals, one bronze medal, the Italian and French war cross and the highest American Military decoration.

Lieut. Ferrarin of the Royal Italian Aviation Corps of the Rome-Tokyo Flight landed at Foochow at 6 o'clock, afternoon of April 23, after a very bad time met during the flight and he is waiting better weather to proceed on the journey to Shanghai. Lieut. Masiero will go to Shanghai by steamer to get another aeroplane with the intention to make, before leaving Shanghai, a record flight Shanghai-Foochow-Shanghai in one day.—Canton Times.

DENNISTON PLAYERS.

FURTHER LAURELS WON.

Love and revenge were the predominating passions in "The Woman in Room 13," the complicated drama of modern American life submitted by the Denniston Players in the Theatre Royal last night to an audience whose manifest appreciation was the best testimony to the success of the production and its able presentation. The piece abounded in dramatic incident and held the interest of the audience until the denouement in the thrilling Court scene. The histrionic talent displayed was generally good, and considerable praise is due to Miss Warda Howard for the brilliant manner in which she portrayed the over-wrought feelings of the clever and courageous woman whose desperate fight against hate and duplicity resulted in the acquittal of her husband on a charge of murder, which he had brokenly admitted under the "Unwritten Law."

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Colonel Carnac is quite modest about his record "land." He says: "I thought an earthquake had got hold of my line. The first rush took our all but five yards of line. I could feel him struggling, but was determined not to give him an inch until forced to. I was feeling very tired, my hands and arms almost numb. The fish still struggled, but seemed to be getting as tired as the man at the rod."

However, the end was very near. Very shortly he showed a fin. By this time my right hand was useless from exertion, so the last 20 yards or so all I could do was to walk backwards. The fish was well shelled when Bowring (who accompanied the party) gaffed him beautifully in the throat. He appeared to be a real monster. However, I was too dead beat to take much interest.

The hundredweight spring balance was produced, and to our astonishment the needle flew right off the dial. His measurements, taken individually by the whole party, were: Single 64 inches, girth 42 inches, width of gill 26. Circumference of mouth 26, tail to mouth 24. "The balance of the fish scaled 119lb., the tail weighing 10lb."



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